CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel Claims 7, 9, and 12, and amend Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, and 13 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus comprising:

an original placement portion on which an original is to be placed;

an optical unit configured to move relative to the original placement portion; and

a guide member that guides movement of the optical unit;

wherein the [[said]] optical unit includes a unit frame configured to hold an optical element, and includes a screw configured to be mounted in a screw hole formed on the unit frame ~~a sliding member that contacts with the guide member~~,

a head of the screw ~~said sliding member has a screw portion and a sliding portion that~~ slides in contact with the guide member,

~~said unit frame is formed with a screw hole in which said screw portion of said sliding member is mounted;~~

a position of the unit frame relative to the guide member is adjusted by [[the]] rotating the screw ~~sliding member~~,

~~the screw portion of the sliding member has~~ a plurality of projecting portions are provided on a root of a thread of the screw along a circumference of the thread

~~thereof~~, and ~~the projecting portions~~ are provided in an area other than a tip end area of the screw ~~portion~~, and

~~at least said~~ each of the projecting portions of the screw ~~portion~~ are plastically deformable and screwed into the screw hole while being plastically deformed.

2. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein play between the screw ~~portion~~ and the screw hole is substantially eliminated by plastic deformation of the screw ~~said screw portion~~.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the tip end of the screw ~~said sliding member~~ has an engagement portion to which a rotating tool is to engages.

6. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the screw ~~said screw portion~~ is made of a resin material.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of screws ~~said sliding members~~ are provided at respective end portions of the [[said]] optical unit with respect to a direction orthogonal to a moving direction of the optical member respectively.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising an illuminating unit configured to illuminate ~~the original on~~ the original placement portion,

wherein the optical element is a mirror configured to reflect a reflection light from the original on the original placement portion that is illuminated with the illuminating unit.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus comprising:

an original illumination member;

a reflection system configured to reflect light from the original;

a scanning member configured to move the [[said]] reflection system;

a scanning surface configured to be scanned by the [[said]] scanning member; and

a plurality of screws configured to be mounted in a plurality of screw holes formed on ~~sliding members provided at said~~ the scanning member [[and]], wherein a head of each of the screws slides in contact with scanning surface;

~~wherein at least one of said sliding members has a screw portion and a sliding portion that slides in contact with the scanning surface;~~

each of the screws ~~the screw portion~~ has a plurality of plastically deformable projecting portions on a root of a thread thereof along a circumference of the thread ~~thereof~~, and the projecting portions are provided in [[the]] an area other than a tip end area of the screw~~, portion, and at least said projecting portions of the screw portion are plastically deformable, said scanning member has a screw hole in which said screw portion of said sliding member is mounted,~~ and the [[said]] projecting portions and the [[said]] screw hole engage each other in an interference fit in the axial direction of the screw ~~portion~~.